

GERMAN TRAP FOR RUSSIAN ARMIES FAILS OF PURPOSE

Slav Retreat Successful and
Only 14,000 Prisoners Have
Been Captured—Attacks on
Kovno and Ossowetz Open.

Encircling Movement Blocked.
Berlin Claims Rear Guard of
Russian Retreat Is Caught
Between Vistula and Bug.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—In the face
of conflicting statements from Ber-
lin and Petrograd, British mili-
tary observers believe today that
the enveloping movement design-
ed to entrap the great Russian
armies has failed of its purpose.

Late reports from Berlin express
dissatisfaction that only 14,200
prisoners have been captured and
indicate that in spite of slow ad-
vances both north and south of
Warsaw, the Russian retreat is
being accomplished successfully
to the new lines.

Attacks on Kovno and Ossowetz,
Petrograd admits, have been open-
ed, but counter-attacks have dis-
lodged the Germans.

Bombardment of Warsaw by the
Russians at Praga across the Vis-
tula delayed the construction of
pontoon bridges and further de-
layed the pursuit undertaken by
the Austro-German forces. Re-
ports today say that Praga has been
evacuated and a regrouping of the
Slav forces has already taken
place.

REAR GUARD IN DANGER.
Berlin asserts that more than 100,000
men are two-thirds surrounded in the
angle formed by the Bug and Vistula
rivers. This rear guard is stubbornly
resisting the German advance.

Admittedly the one great danger
facing the Grand Duke Nicholas in his
retreat has been the encircling move-
ment from the north. In an attempt to
cut the railroad running from Warsaw,
through Grodno and Vilna to Petrograd,
it is this movement that London ob-
servers assert is doomed to failure.

Commenting upon the fact that the
grand duke's armies have escaped the
German trap and are making an order-
ly retreat, the Petrograd newspaper
today repeated private negotiations that
Russia will never sue for peace until
her enemies have been swept from Rus-
sian soil and she stands victorious.

"Russia pledged herself to stand by
the allies to the end," said the Novo
Vremya. "Russia does not, like Ger-
many, regard such an agreement as a
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GERMANS RENEW BELGIAN ATTACKS

Bombard Positions South of
Dixmude — Suffer Defeat
Near Verdun.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—Activity of the Ger-
man forces in the western theater, ac-
cording to official dispatches, was most
marked in a renewed attempt upon the
Belgian south of Dixmude.

Following an attack which drove the
Belgians across the Yser, the German
artillery bombarded the farms of
Roedsterke, Berkelhof and Caselerke,
and the positions east of St. Jacques
Church.

An attempt last night to pierce the
lines protecting Verdun, made by the
forces of the Crown Prince, was de-
feated.

A three-day battle was resumed in
the Argonne region when mines were
exploded under the French trenches
followed by a bayonet charge up Hill
212. A counter-attack, asserts the
French war office, repulsed the Ger-
mans.

Southeast of Verdun the bombard-
ment continues with unabated vigor.
Artillery actions around Souchez and
between the Oise and Aisne are also
reported in the official statement to-
day.

Has Her Hubby, 71, Arrested as Flirt

Wife Offers To Withdraw Charge
If He Will Quit Allentown
White Way.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Aug. 8.—On the
charge that her seventy-one-year-old
husband flirts, Mrs. Edward Dean, a
year his junior, has had him arrested.
Mrs. Dean is small and quite deaf. She
explained to Mayor Rinn that Dean has
been misbehaving very badly of late,
seeking the society of young women and
declining to work. Dean refused to say
a word in his behalf. Mrs. Dean stated
that her willingness to withdraw the
charge if he repented.

Her story was backed by William
Heater, a detective and night watch-
man almost as old as the aged couple.
Heater said he had kept espionage on
Dean and found he was fond of stay-
ing out late at night and liked the com-
pany he found on Allentown's gay white
way.

Dean declared he preferred a cell to
his wife's nagging. He was taken to
jail.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON IS CALLED BY DEATH

Secretary of Shoemaker Com-
pany Passes Away Sudden-
ly at Fifteenth Street Home.

At noon today an undertaker pinned
crepe on the doorway at 2028 Fif-
teenth street northwest, and thereby
recorded the passing of genial George
Williamson, for a third of a century
affiliated with the Shoemaker Com-
pany. For more than twenty years
he had been secretary of that firm,
whose establishment antedated the
civil war.

Mr. Williamson died suddenly of
apoplexy this morning. He was play-
ing with a pet collie dog, "Teddy
Roosevelt," when he fell backward.
Dr. J. M. Mason, who was hurriedly
called from the Portner apartments,
across the street, pronounced him
dead when he arrived.

The news of the sudden death of
George Williamson will bring sorrow
throughout Washington this afternoon.
He was so well known that he was al-
most an institution. Government offi-
cials, newspaper correspondents, busi-
ness men, and the plain fellows of
everywhere among his acquaint-
ances and friends.

The double-header played by the
Washington and White Sox Friday may
have been contributing cause to the
death of Mr. Williamson. For several
months he had been under medical
treatment, although he appeared about
his business with the same cheery smile
and greeting. A physician warned him
that unless he rested, he would die.

Mr. Williamson, however, appeared in
normal health last night. This morning
he arose early and was preparing for
a walk when he was stricken. He had
just left out of the back door, at
which "Teddy Roosevelt" was tugging
when he gasped, fell backward across
the lawn and before medical aid
could be summoned.

Miss Julia Aiken, a niece, was in an
adjoining room, but Mr. Williamson
was unconscious when she reached him.
The funeral arrangements have not
been completed. Augustus Noack, long
associated with Mr. Williamson in
business, was among the first of his
many friends to reach the home.

Mr. Williamson was born in this city
September 28, 1838. He was of English
ancestry and had about him always the
hospitality and good heartedness of "Ye
old inn keeper" of English stories.

He is survived by two brothers, John
T. Williamson and Walter Williamson,
and a sister, Mrs. George R. Aiken, all
residing at 2028 Fifteenth street.

Two Killed as Chauffeur Tries to Dodge Another

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Edwin
Mitchell, thirty, secretary treasurer of
the Central Paper Box Company, and
Frank M. March, thirty, were instantly
killed when their automobile collided
with a tree as the chauffeur endeavored
to dodge another machine.

It is reported here that the Eng-
lish government has determined
personally to open the first session
of parliament with a speech empha-
sizing the necessity for Greece to pro-
vide an unconditional neutrality as
the only guarantee of the kingdom's
welfare.

Princess Leopold, of Bavaria, received
a tremendous ovation on his entrance
into Warsaw, in which neutrals partici-
pated, especially American war cor-
respondents. Russian prisoners from
Yungorod declare that lately they re-
ceived only eight cartridges daily.

Telegrams from Athens report in-
creasing friction between English and
French officers on the Gallipoli penin-
sula, so much so, that it has been
necessary to forbid intercourse be-
tween the two camps.

BOOM IN TRADE AIDING WAGES IN ALL PARTS

Better Times Reflected in In-
creases in Pay and Cuts in
Working Hours.

BUMPER CROPS ARE FACTOR

Principal Manufacturing Cen-
ters Report Big Gains in
Leading Industries.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Prosperity such
as he has not known in years has come
to the American wage-earner in the last
few months.

Reports to the New York Press from
various manufacturing sections of the
United States indicate that the workers
are entering upon a period in which
record production is going hand in hand
with increased pay, shorter hours and a
swift lessening of unemployment.
Thanks partly to the call for war ma-
terials, but also to the stimulation of
manufactures because of the growing
demand at home and abroad for Ameri-
can products, American labor is getting
more and more money to spend. Its
growing purchasing power in the Ameri-
can market is putting better value into
everything.

The first week of August has seen
labor, agricultural and business condi-
tions in the United States rising to a
point never before reached, in some re-
spects, since the country became the
world's greatest industrial power.

At least 100,000 more workmen in our
mills and shops entered the first week
of August on the basis of an eight-hour
day, an increase of from 10 to 15 per
cent in wages and in many cases, with
the promise of bonuses granted them in
addition to the increased pay for shorter
hours.

Shippers More Active.
The steel companies of the United
States are now closest to their pig-iron
capacity, having turned out 85,000 tons
a day in July, a record which has been
surpassed only once in the history of
the trade. Shipbuilding activity is
greater than at any other time since
1901.

The feature of New York's foreign
trade in the past week was the rising
tide of imports, with a slight decrease
of exports as compared to the high
level reached by the export figures for
the week ending July 31. Imports for
the week ending yesterday were valued
at \$21,571,393 and the exports
\$21,167,763, while for the week of July
31 the imports were valued at \$25,422,218,
the largest total this year with one ex-
ception. Our imports for a week ago
were \$17,228,494, showing a gain for last
week of \$4,000,000.

Trade Factors Responsible.
War trade is not solely responsible
for these conditions. They are based on
factors more stable. Bumper crops in
the West have been sending a small
army of merchants into Chicago in the
past week laden down with orders for
goods they know their farmer custom-
ers will need and will have the money
to buy this fall.

The Midvale Steel Company, which
has steadily refused to take any for-
eign war orders, is running at capacity
with 7,000 employees on full time.
Out in St. Louis the railroad supply
firms are working overtime to fill or-
ders.

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JAILED INNOCENT JUDGE QUILTS BENCH

Chicago Justice Broken in
Health Because of Twenty-
Year-Old Conviction.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Because he had
served three innocent men for murder
twenty years ago, Henry Varnum
Freeman, dean of Chicago judges, has
resigned his place on the superior court
bench.

The resignation was forwarded to
Governor Dunne from Harbor Point,
Mich., where the aged jurist is at-
tempting to regain his shattered health.
The cases which worried Judge Free-
man into physical decline were those
of Thomas McNally, Charles Kurth and
Edward Warren, whom he sentenced to
the penitentiary in April, 1894, for the
murder of James Prunty, and his son
Peter on November 14, 1893.

Warren died in prison. McNally, a
white-haired war veteran, and Kurth
were paroled a few weeks ago through
the efforts of Judge Freeman, who had
made strenuous efforts to obtain the
release of the two men for years after
he became convinced of their innocence.
His inability to do so preyed on his
mind.

The three men had served time before
the murder and were identified by Mrs.
Prunty and a daughter who also had
been shot.

Six years after he had imposed sen-
tence, Judge Freeman obtained evi-
dence of what he believed was a "police
frame-up." It was shown that Prunty
on his death bed had failed to identify
the men, but that the police forced the
Prunty women to swear they were the
murderers.

\$10 Asheville and Return, Aug. 13,
Limit 15 days. Southern Railway.
Adv.

BANKER GROUP TO ADVISE MEXICO BACKED BY U.S.

Pan-American Concert Favors
Setting Up Stable Govern-
ment With Financiers' Help.

McADOO TO GIVE ASSURANCE

Washington and Latin-American
Envoys Still to Select Man
to Head New Regime.

Establishment of a stable government
in Mexico by means of the financial
support of the most powerful group of
capitalists in the United States, to-
gether with the moral support of the
United States and all the Latin-Ameri-
can countries, and not through interven-
tion by this Government, is the plan
favored by the Pan-American concert.

This, it was stated in highly authori-
tative sources today, is the explanation
of the hurried trip Secretary of State
Lansing made to New York last night
for a conference today with Secretary
of the Treasury McAdoo, who was sum-
moned hastily from his summer home
at North Haven, Me.

To Be Backed By U. S.

Secretary McAdoo, The Times' in-
formant says, is to be acquainted with
the results of the sessions of the Pan-
American conferees in Washington last
week. Mr. McAdoo's task, then, will
be to give assurances to the financial
group chosen to finance the new Mexi-
can government that the United States
will be back of them in any steps they
may take for the financial regeneration
of pauperized Mexico.

The financial group which will be asked
to place the power of their millions
behind the new Mexican government,
The Times is informed, is composed of
J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn-Loeb & Co.,
Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., Horgarten
& Co., Speyer & Co., and Hayden-Stone
& Co.

This group, which has had much to
do with Mexican finances, may be joined
by the Guaranty Trust Company. All
are said to be deeply interested in see-
ing a stable government established in
Mexico, owing to the amount of Mexi-
can securities they now hold.

Not To Recognize Carranza.

What has not been definitely deter-
mined is "what man or group of men"
the United States Government and its
Latin-American allies, as represented
by the A. B. C. and the B. U. G. diplo-
mats, will get behind. The quoted lan-
guage was that used in President Wil-
son's warning to the Mexican faction-
ists to get together in a peace move,
and to do which resulted in the call-
ing of the Carranza conference.

The action of General Carranza in
refusing from his refusal to join his
adversaries in a peace conference, con-
sidered a hopeful sign that the plan of
the Pan-American conferees, which was
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Definite announcement served by the
United States Government that it con-
sidered the Carranza conference a
revolution accomplished with the over-
throw of Huerta, and that it does not
intend the factional differences between
Carranza and Huerta, which have been
recognition of Carranza, which have
been mounting high in recent weeks.

Diplomats Displeased.

Moreover, it is authoritatively stated
that Carranza materially weakened his
case through the activity of agents
sent to Washington during the Pan-
American conference. The Latin-
American diplomats who have been in
conference with Carranza, and the man-
aging committee that they have been
pursued by Carranza agents who attempted
to influence them in favor of recognition
of Carranza.

Luis Cabrera, Carranza's minister of
finance, who has been in Washington,
ostensibly to get \$50,000,000 in notes
printed for Carranza, is said to have
aroused the displeasure of some of the
conferees by calling on them at em-
bassies and legations to present Car-
ranza.

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WILSON TO RETURN TO CAPITAL SOON

Said to Feel He Should Be Here
While Mexican Program Is
Being Framed.

WINDSOR, Vt., Aug. 8.—President
Wilson probably will be in Washing-
ton before the end of the week. He
has shown increasing restiveness and
feels, it is said, that he should be
back at the Capital while the Mexican
program is being framed by the United
States and the Latin-American govern-
ments.

The President is not expected to at-
tend the conference of the Pan-Ameri-
can conferees in New York this week,
as has been reported. At the White
House he would be able to communicate
with Secretary Lansing over the tele-
phone and would be in a position where
he could be consulted much more readi-
ly than while at his summer home.

President Wilson spent the morning
reading. He did not attend church serv-
ices. This afternoon he is motoring
over the country roads adjacent to the
summer White House. The date of the
President's departure for Washington
has not been announced.

CRIMINAL ACTION IN POLICE GRAFT INQUIRY PRESAGED BY ARRESTS



SAMUEL McCOMAS HAWKEN,
Assistant United States Attorney, who is conducting probe into charges
against members of Police Department filed by Mrs. Margaret
Stout.

POSTPONE ELECTION OF HAITIAN RULER PLAN \$750,000,000 BOND ISSUE IN U. S.

Admiral Caperton Decides Time
Is Not Opportune for Selec-
tion of President of Republic.

London dispatches that Great Britain
and her allies are considering the pur-
chase of all America's export cotton
brought forth reports, arising from
statements of big Southern fertilizer
and cotton men, that England and
France are also considering plans to
seek a \$750,000,000 bond issue in the
United States, the funds from which are
to be used to meet their bills for Ameri-
can cotton and grain this fall.

If the proposed bond issue goes
through, it is said, a good price will be
realized for cotton and last year's
American grain prices will be main-
tained.

The purpose of the bond issue, accord-
ing to reports here, is to relieve Eng-
land and her allies of the necessity of
shipping large amounts of gold to this
country to meet the huge trade balance
in favor of the United States.

During the last fiscal year Uncle
Sam's merchandise trade balance
amounted to approximately \$1,000,000,000.
For English-French allies to meet an-
other big trade balance of that dimen-
sion it will necessitate the French and
English savings banks to unload their
gold-American securities, and right
at this time the European investor real-
izes that the best investments today in the world.

In court Castle had the choice between
paying \$2 or spending two days in jail.
He isn't in jail.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—"What, Tell?
Hell?" said Vernon Castle, exultant
dancer, to the sanitary inspector.
"You'll not be swearing at me," said
Officer Fiehe. "And I say again, you're
under arrest for keeping an unmuzzled
dog."

"But, Tell wouldn't bite. He's a good
dog," said Castle, revealing his pet's
name.

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paying \$2 or spending two days in jail.
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Funeral of Gen. Tracy
To Be Held Tomorrow
NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Funeral serv-
ices for Gen. Benjamin Franklin Tracy,
who died on Friday at his home, 14 East
Sixtieth street, will be held at Trinity
Church at 10:30 tomorrow morning.
The interment will be in the family
plot at Greenwood Cemetery.

GRAND JURY CALLED TO HEAR CHARGES TOMORROW

Two Federal Witnesses Are
Kept in Seclusion to Prevent
Communication.

DISCLOSURES ARE IMMINENT

Officials Reticent as Federal
Probers Prepare to Present
Case.

Criminal action against one or
more of the men mentioned will
be the next step in the police graft
probe conducted by Assistant Dis-
trict Attorney S. McComas Haw-
ken, following disclosures by Mrs.
Margaret Stout.

Tomorrow, it is understood, all
the information developed by the
investigation will be laid before
the grand jury which assembles
for a new term at 11 o'clock.

Two men, held behind steel bars
in widely separated sections of
the city are to be used as Federal
witnesses, in one or more prose-
cutions immediately to follow the
secret inquiry that has been under-
way for a week.

IDENTITY KEPT SECRET.

Identity of the two Federal witnesses
is being guarded with the closest se-
crecy under orders from the District
Attorney's office. The fact that they
are being held as prisoners and are iso-
lated, not only from any outside com-
munication, but from each other,
presages that they are to be used in
criminal proceedings. There has never
been a case where a police trial board
witness has been incarcerated.

Any action taken by the United
States in the probe, can only be a
criminal action. It is understood that
the witnesses were looked up in widely
separated sections of the city to pre-
vent any form of "underground" com-
munication between them.

Both men were taken in charge by a
United States marshal, and Policeman
Mahoney of the Sixth precinct, last
night. They were locked up on an order
signed by Justice Gould, of the District
Supreme Court.

Officials Reticent.

Though officials connected with the
probe refuse to discuss it in any way,
it is assured that men would be de-
prived of their liberty for no great
length of time.

No additional suspensions have been
made or any other action taken by Ma-
jor Pullman, superintendent of police.
He is keeping in close touch with de-
velopments in the probe, and is prepared
to take immediate action upon develop-
ments of the probe. Major Pullman said
today that he had absolutely no in-
formation that he could make public,
and referred all inquiries to Assistant
Prosecutor Hawken.

Mr. Hawken was at work in his office
most of the day, clearing up loose ends
of the inquiry. He refused, however,
to make any statement of comment on
the developments.

Because of the great number of wit-
nesses heard in the District Attorney's
office, it is surmised in many quarters
that Mrs. Stout, the original informant,
and Detective Ray Kleindienst will not
be used as witnesses in the case. It was
learned on good authority yesterday
that the testimony of Kleindienst will
not be regarded as essential to the in-
vestigation.

It is said today that the incarceration
of the witnesses in the probe, and the
jail and the other in the Sixth pre-
cinct, indicated that an "underground"
system of communication between wit-
nesses or those involved, was either
in operation or was feared. It is usual
in such cases, where Federal witnesses
are detained, to hold them in the police
station.

Sifting Information.

There is ample authority in the law for
holding the men incommunicado. It is de-
clared at Police Headquarters. They
have the right under the law to obtain
bail if it is possible for them to do
so, but the order for their release would
have to be signed by one of the judges
of the court.

District Attorney John E. Lasker
made it known that so far as has been
disclosed, there has been no extensive
graft "system" in operation in the Dis-
trict.

The District Attorney's office is be-
ing flooded with information that has
been sifted out in the probe, but it is
understood that great difficulty has
been encountered with some of the wit-
nesses brought in for questioning. More
than a score of persons have been ques-
tioned in the probe, many of them
members of the police force.